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Although this is a preliminary amendment, the remarks presented herein are intended to be a response to the rejection of the currently pending independent claims in the Office Action mailed September 11, 2003 for the parent application, serial number 09/532,696.

Claims 2-7, 9-12, 14-19 and 21-26 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 8, 13 and 20 stand as originally filed.

Claims 1, 8 and 20 were rejected in the parent application under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,016,027 (Uebbing). Claim 13 was rejected in the parent application under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Uebbing.

Claims 1, 8, 13 and 20 are believed allowable at least because Uebbing discloses an LED printhead, not an image capture device. Uebbing's LED printhead does not capture an image, it prints an image. In other words, Uebbing's LED printhead is an output device, not an input device.

All of the currently pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, and the Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued.

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